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Applicant : RAUTH et al.  
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Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.